

(c) The State-wise target of cotton production for 1996-97 is given below :

| S.No. | State | Production Target (Lakh bales on 170 kg. each) |
|-----------|----------------|---|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 17.50 |
| 2. | Gujarat | 22.50 |
| 3. | Haryana | 16.00 |
| 4. | Karnataka | 10.50 |
| 5. | Madhya Pradesh | 5.00 |
| 6. | Maharashtra | 25.00 |
| 7. | Orissa | 0.20 |
| 8. | Punjab | 22.50 |
| 9. | Rajasthan | 13.00 |
| 10. | Tamil Nadu | 7.00 |
| 11. | U.P. | 0.40 |
| 12. | Others | 0.40 |
| All India | | 140.00 |

(d) and (e). No new scheme has been formulated to promote production of coloured cotton. Indian Council of Agricultural Research has recently launched a network programme of research for Development of naturally Coloured cotton.

[English]

Amendment in IPC and Cr. P.C.

2150. SHRI SARAT PATTANAYAK : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering to amend Cr. P.C. and I.P.C.;
 (b) if so, the details thereof; and
 (c) the time which they would be amended?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (c). The Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 1994, which proposes to amend various provisions of Cr. P.C. and IPC was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 9th May, 1994. The Bill was subsequently referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs which considered the Bill and submitted its report.

Cotton Prices

2151. SHRI RAMASHRAYA PRASAD SINGH :
 SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received representations from farmers of the North India for announcement of procurement prices of cotton in April in place of November every year;

(b) if so, the reasons put forward by the farmers in this regard; and

(c) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) to (c). No representation has been received by the Agriculture Ministry from the farmers of North India for announcement of procurement prices of cotton in April in place of November every year. However, the Government tries to announce the minimum support price of cotton well in time before the start of the sowing season.

[Translation]

Milch Cattle

2152. DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA :
 SHRI NITISH KUMAR :

Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have ascertained the number of milch cattle;
 (b) if so, the number thereof, State-wise;
 (c) the average yield of a milch cattle;
 (d) whether the production of milk per animal is less in the country as compared to the average milk production per animal in the world;
 (e) if so, the details thereof; and
 (f) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The information is given at Statement - I enclosed.

(c) to (e). The information is given at Statement - II. The productivity of milch cattle in India is less than that of the average of the world.

(f) All efforts are being made to increase the productivity by implementing various Centrally Sponsored/Central Sector Schemes and adopting new technologies.

STATEMENT - I

Number of Milch Cattle

(As per 1987 Livestock Census)

| S.No. | States/UTs | (in thousand number) |
|-------|-------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 2738 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | 76 |